

EDU #4399-03
C # 417-03
SB # 33-03

J.B. and D.B., on behalf of A.B., :
PETITIONERS-APPELLANTS, :
V. : STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE : DECISION
BOROUGH OF PINE HILL, CAMDEN :
COUNTY, :
RESPONDENT-RESPONDENT. :

Decision on motion by the Commissioner of Education, August 5, 2003

Decided by the State Board of Education, December 3, 2003

For the Petitioners-Appellants, J.B. and D.B., pro se

For the Respondent-Respondent, Sahli & Padovani (Anthony I. Padovani,
Esq., of Counsel)

After a thorough review of the record, including a transcript of the hearing held in the Office of Administrative Law, which was not provided to the Commissioner of Education, we affirm the Commissioner's decision to dismiss the petition in this matter for the reasons expressed therein. In so doing, however, we reaffirm the Administrative Law Judge's finding that A.B. is "an excellent student with bright prospects." Initial Decision, slip op. at 6. It is readily apparent from our review that he has made great strides, and his achievements are in no way diminished by the fact that he was denied admission to the National Honor Society during his junior year.

June 2, 2004

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